Service Date: July 11, 1990

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER Of The Application of)
GRANRUD WATER COMPANY For Authority) UTILITY DIVISION
To Transfer The Assets and Operating) DOCKET NO. 90.4.26
Responsibilities Of Its Water Utility) DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5487
in Kalispell, Montana To Dennis Granrud)
as sole proprietor.)

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- 1. On April 17, 1990, a petition was filed with the Montana Public Service Commission requesting that the Commission, pursuant to jurisdiction established by 69-3-101 et seq., MCA, authorize the transfer of the assets and operating responsibilities of Granrud Water Company's water utility in Kalispell, Montana, to Dennis Granrud. Dennis Granrud proposes to continue water service to all consumers previously supplied by Granrud Water. Transfer of the assets will not in itself result in a rate increase for any consumer.
- 2. On April 19, 1990, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing, which was sent to the Montana Consumer Counsel and all customers currently connected to the Granrud Water Company's facilities. The Notice gave interested parties until May 23, 1990, to request a hearing or submit protests regarding the Application.
- 3. No protests or requests for public hearing were received, therefore, no public hearing was scheduled.

- 3. A review of the application indicates no threat to the adequacy or availability of service to the utility's customers.
- 4. The proposed new owner appears to have the financial and other resources necessary to provide adequate service in the future.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. This Commission has jurisdiction over the parties and matters contained in this Docket.
- 2. The application demonstrates that the transfer of ownership will not result in inadequate service or unreasonable rates.
- 3. The proposed new owner is fit, willing and able to assume the service responsibilities associated with ownership of the water system now owned by Granrud Water Company.

<u>ORDER</u>

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Granrud Water Company is hereby authorized to transfer its assets and operating responsibilities to Dennis Granrud as sole proprietor.
- 2. Upon transfer, Dennis Granrud shall file rates, consistent with those outlined in the application, for provision of service to consumers in Kalispell, Montana.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 9th day of July, 1990, by a vote of 5 to 0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

	HOWARD L. ELLIS, Chairman
	DANNY OBERG, Vice Chairman
	WALLACE W. "WALLY" MERCER, Commissioner
	JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner
	REX MANUEL, Commissioner
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ATTEST:

Ann Peck Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request that the Commission reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. <u>See</u> 38.2.4806, ARM.